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1. On 1 February 1954, the Panzer Kaserne, Bad Freienwalde, was occupied by about 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia and, a few, black-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Troops observed in the barracks area received instruction on 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, and 2 x 120-mm mortars; and were trained in driving with 2 T-34/85 tanks. 2 JS tanks, 1 armored personnel carrier, and 22 sidecar motorcycles.

About 30 to 60 troops practiced firing with machine guns, submachine guns and rifles, and marching. About 10 trucks, occupied by troops, were seen leaving the installation for the training area.

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2. On 19 January, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 1,300 to 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. On 12 January, T-34/85 tanks 4 trucks towing 76.2-mm field guns. 2 trucks towing 120-mm mortars and 4 trucks occupied by troops were seen leaving the installation toward the Trampe training area. On the same day, T-34 tank hull was seen in the town area. About 120 troops wearing gas masks and equipped with small arms and spades left the installation toward the training area, while about 100 troops with gas masks practiced firing at the firing range south of the installation. Between 10 and 19 January, 6 to 8 trucks at driving school, as well as troops receiving instruction on 8 to 10 sidecar motorcycles and 3 light field guns and others engaging in drill and firing practice were almost daily seen. On 18 January, about 600 troops wearing gas masks left the installation toward Trampe for a march practice. They returned at about 1 p.m. On 19 January, about 54 troops wearing gas masks and gas protective clothing left the installation. Between 10 and 19 January, about 40 to 50 trucks were seen in the vehicle sheds west of the road and 2 new sheds were under construction south of the installation between the firing range and the barracks.

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3. about 80 apartments in buildings on Brunnen Strasse and Melcher Strasse, Bad Freienwalde, were to be vacated for Soviet officer families by 1 February.

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4. On 23 January, the Panzer Kaserne, Bad Freienwalde, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. Between 11 and 23 January, recruits were repeatedly seen receiving basic training in the barracks yard. On 17 January, about 250 recruits preceded by a military band marched out.

5. Between 11 and 23 January, about 30 Soviet officer families, in addition to the about 80 families previously observed there, arrived at Bad Freienwalde.

Comment. According to the present information, the Panzer Kaserne can be carried occupied as previously by the 16th Gds Mecz Regt and the 95th (?) Mtrcl Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, while the 68th Gds Tank Regt of the division, as previously, is stationed in Berlin.

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